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In re Application of:

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Application No.: New

For: **ACTIVE ISOLATION MODULE**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

The Applicant would like to file the following preliminary amendment for the above-entitled patent application.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

The following has been inserted on page 1, line 1.

**REFERENCE TO CROSS-RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a divisional of Application No. 09/798,621, filed on March 2, 2001, pending, which is a continuation of Application No. 09114,773, filed on July 4, 1999, U.S. Patent No. 6,209,841.